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In 2010, 100 countries around the world celebrated World Kidney Day, a global public health education effort launched in 2006 to encourage healthy behaviors and promote systematic screening to identify risk factors and permit early detection and treatment of Chronic Kidney Disease (CKD).

This year's campaign theme, *protect your kidneys and save your heart*, stresses that diabetes and hypertension are two chronic conditions closely related to kidney disease. More than 240 million people worldwide suffer from diabetes, a number expected to reach 380 million by the year 2025; a third of them are also affected by diabetic kidney damage or disease.

A joint initiative of the International Society of Nephrology (ISN) and the International Federation of Kidney Foundations (IFKF), World Kidney Day aims to educate the public on the importance of kidney function to overall health, and to reduce the incidence and impact of kidney disease and associated health problems worldwide.

I, THEREFORE, MOVE that the Board of Supervisors proclaim Thursday, March 11, 2011 as "World Kidney Day" in the County of Los Angeles, and all residents are hereby encouraged to practice preventive behaviors such as maintaining a healthy diet and treating hypertension to minimize the chances of contracting Chronic Kidney Disease (CKD), and local, state and national health authorities are urged to focus attention and resources on detecting and treating CKD as a matter of community wellness and prudent health-care cost control.

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